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Dear Ms. Klee,

Thank you for your letter of July 7. We received this morning an e-mail from your counsel, that though you understand the complexity of the issue, the length of time it's taking to make a decision on your request is in effect going to result in the Peer Reviewers having insufficient time. With your concern in mind, this is an interim response.

You are right that this is a complex issue, and we are actively evaluating what you have provided us. However, we are concerned that, based on the likely timeline, it will not be possible for the Peer Reviewers to review GE's modeling submission without delaying the overall schedule for initiating Phase II of the Hudson River Cleanup. We are also unclear on why you propose that the currently convened Peer Review Panel review GE's model, as modeling is not within the charge to the Peer Review Panel and its members were not selected for expertise in modeling.

As I said, we continue to evaluate what we are able to, and this is an interim response to advance the discussion on an expedited basis.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Lisa Feldt".

Lisa Feldt
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